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SUBJ: IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO YAR

DHAHRAN FOR CHUSMTM

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REF: SANAA 2223

1. DURING LUNCHEON IN HONOR EMBASSY NON-RESIDENT DATT
NOVEMBER 27, C/S COL. MASWARI INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT
DIRECTOR MILITARY TRAINING (PARA TWELVE REFTEL). HAD
RETURNED FROM TEHRAN WITH FIRM IIG AGREEMENT
TO PROVIDE TRAINING POSITIONS FOR 208 RPT 208
YAR OFFICERS IN ARMY, AIR FORCE, AND NAVY. AIR FORCE
COMPLEMENT OF TWENTY-TWO WOULD INCLUDE PILOT AS
WELL AS GROUND TRAINING. INSTRUCTION WOULD BE PARTLY IN
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ENGLISH (FOR WHICH OFFICERS WILL BE GIVEN EIGHT

MONTHS LANGUAGE TRAINING) AND PARTLY IN FARSI. MASWARI EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO IIG AND TO SHAH FOR THIS HELP.

2. COMMENT: PROFFERED IRANIAN TRAINING IS USEFUL SUPPLEMENT TO WHAT JORDAN IS PREPARED TO DO IN THIS FIELD (AMMAN 5189). WITH THIS STEP, YARG MILITARY LEADERS CONCUR THAT US POLICY OF ENCOURAGING AREA STATES TAKE PRIMARY ROLE IN MEETING THEIR COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROBLEMS (IN THIS CASE CREATION OF AN EFFECTIVE YAR DEFENSE AGAINST PDRY) IS BEGINNING TO SHOW SOME FIRST RESULTS. THE KEY QUESTIONS REMAINING UNRESOLVED ARE (A) SAUDI TRAINING ROLE AND (B) CHANNEL AND FINANCING FOR REGULAR EQUIPMENT RESUPPLY TO YARG IN REORIENTING ITS BASIC ARMS INVENTORY TOWARD WESTERN AND ESSENTIALLY AMERICAN WEAPONS. IN REGARD TO (A), WE THINK CAREFULLY CONSIDERED COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED JIDDA 4282 SHOULD BE US GUIDELINE. HOWEVER, TEMPORARY DELAY IN YEMEN AIR FORCE TRAINING IN F-5S THEREIN PROPOSED DUE PRE-WAR EXPECTATION REGARDING IMMINENT DELIVERY OF RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FROM EGYPT SHOULD BE REASSESSED IN LIGHT PRESENT UNLIKELIHOOD OF EGYPTIAN TRANSFER EVER TAKING PLACE. RE (B) WE REFER DEPARTMENT TO SANAA 2143. NOW THAT WAR IS OVER WE WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON JIDDA 4282 AND EQUIPMENT ASPECT. CRAWFORD

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